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RESOLUTION: S1-080701
BY: Commissioner James E. Livingston
Chairman, Special Airport Committee
SECONDED BY: Commissioner Patricia W. Harris

August 7, 2001

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Orleans Levee District owns, operates and manages the New Orleans Lakefront Airport, located on the south shore of Lake Pontchartrain, in the Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, a means of achieving the objective of efficiently operating the Airport is to privatize its operations, through an agreement with a private company qualified to manage and operate a general aviation airport under the FAA Privatization Pilot Program, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 5-021600 of February 16, 2000, the Board authorized a Consultant Agreement with Infrastructure Management Group, Inc., for the purposes of assisting the Board with the development, preparation and issuance of a Request for Qualifications and a Request for Proposals for qualified bidders interested in entering into a long-term lease agreement for the New Orleans Lakefront Airport, the review of offers submitted to the Board, and the preparation and confection of a lease agreement for the privatization of the operations of the New Orleans Lakefront Airport, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2-041900 of April 19, 2000, the Board delegated to the Special Airport Committee the tasks of selecting a "short-list" of firms and issuing the Request for Proposals, and attending to all matters connected therewith, and

WHEREAS, a Request for Proposals was issued and responses thereto were received in November, 2000, and, subsequently, the responses were reviewed and considered by the Board's consultant and the Special Airport Committee, and

WHEREAS, after considering the responses to the said Request for Proposals, the Special Airport Committee accepted the recommendation of the Board's consultant and selected TBI Airport Management, Inc. and American Airports Corporation for continued discussion for the proposed privatization, and

WHEREAS, the two finalists made presentations to the Special Airport Committee at a meeting held on March 6, 2001, and the Board's consultant presented and reviewed the final proposals submitted by the two finalists to the Special Airport Committee at a meeting held on April 18, 2001, and

WHEREAS, at a meeting held on May 1, 2001, recommendations of the Board's consultant and of the Orleans Levee District Staff were presented to the Special Airport Committee, and after consideration of the said recommendations, the Special Airport Committee recommended the establishment of a Negotiating Committee to engage in parallel negotiations with the TBI Airport Management, Inc. and American Airports Corporation for a long-term lease of the New Orleans Lakefront Airport, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 3-051601 on May 16, 2001, the Board approved parallel negotiations for a long-term lease of New Orleans Lakefront Airport with TBI Airport Management, Inc. and American Airports Corporation, and established a Negotiating Committee authorized to conduct said parallel negotiations with the assistance of the Board's Consultant and Legal Counsel, and

WHEREAS, said parallel negotiations were completed, and the Board's Consultant made recommendations to the Special Airport Committee at a meeting held on August 7, 2001 for the selection of American Airports Corporation as the private operator for a long-term lease of the New Orleans Lakefront Airport and for the approval of terms and conditions of said lease, and

WHEREAS, after considering the recommendations of the Board's Consultant, and considering said recommendations to be in the best interest of the Orleans Levee District, the Special Airport Committee resolved to

recommend to the Board the selection of American Airports Corporation as the private operator for a long-term lease of the New Orleans Lakefront Airport and to recommend approval of the terms and conditions of said lease presented by the Board's Consultant and Legal Counsel, and

WHEREAS, the Board, in its Special meeting of August 7, 2001, considers the recommendations of the Special Airport Committee to be in the best interest of the Orleans Levee District.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, That the Board of Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District approves the selection of American Airports Corporation as the private operator for a long-term lease of the New Orleans Lakefront Airport.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board approves the general terms and conditions presented by the Board's Consultant and Legal Counsel for a long-term lease of the New Orleans Lakefront Airport with American Airports Corporation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board authorizes the Special Airport Committee to review and approve any changes in the approved lease terms and conditions made during final negotiations with American Airports Corporation and a lease of the New Orleans Lakefront Airport with American Airports Corporation or a legal entity established by American Airports Corporation to act as the Lessee/Private Operator under the terms of said lease that shall be unconditionally guaranteed by American Airports Corporation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the said lease agreement with American Airports Corporation approved by the Special Airport Committee be presented for review by the Board and for public comment on same and such comment be secured during an evening public hearing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board hereby authorizes the President or the Executive Director to sign a lease agreement for the New Orleans Lakefront Airport containing the terms and conditions approved by the Special Airport Committee and any and all other documents necessary to carry out the above.


AYES: Commissioners Harris, Landry, Livingston and Lupo

NAYS: Commissioners Gusman and Willard-Lewis

ABSENT: Commissioner Cain

RESOLUTION ADOPTED: Yes

THE FOREGOING IS CERTIFIED TO
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ROBERT E. SMITH LUPO, SECRETARY
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE ORLEANS LEVEE DISTRICT